

MINUTES
ELKHART COUNTY COUNCIL
November 13, 2010

The meeting of the Elkhart County Council was called to order by Captain/Sheriff Elect Brad Rogers at 8:00 a.m., in Room 104 of the County Administrative Building, Goshen, Indiana. Members present were John K. Letherman, Dennis E. Sharkey, Donald E. Abel, C. J. Yoder, Randall D. Yohn, David Foutz and David Ashe.

Also present were David Hess, County Auditor; Pauline Graff, Chief Deputy Auditor; Gordon Lord, County Attorney; Craig Buche, County Attorney; Tom Byers, County Administrator; Mike Yoder, Commissioner; Frank Lucchese, Commissioner; Terry Rodino, Commissioner and Carol Caviness, Assistant Director of Personnel.

MINUTES: Approval of minutes for September 11, 2010, September 27, 2010, October 7, 2010 and October 8, 2010.

On motion made by Foutz seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the minutes of the September 11, 2010 Council meeting were approved as received.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Abel and unanimously carried, the minutes of the September 27, 2010 Public Hearing, minutes of October 7, 2010 First Reading and minutes of October 8, 2010 Second Reading.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

COMMISSIONERS: Rodino gave short report.
COUNCIL: No report.
AUDITOR: Hess gave short report.
SHERIFF: Rogers gave short report.

PRESENTATION: Carol Grieser of the Elkhart County Retired Teachers Association presented a check to the Elkhart County Council, showing the monetary value of time volunteered within the County.

PERSONNEL MATTERS: Approval of EEO Affirmative Action Plan 2010-2012.

Tom Byers gave a brief explanation of EEO Affirmative Action Plan.

On motion made by Sharkey seconded by Abel and unanimously carried, the Council approved the EEO Affirmative Action Plan 2010-2012.

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ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS

Auditor Hess presented the proofs of publication for Notice to Taxpayers of Additional Appropriations to be considered by the County Council at this meeting as appeared in the Goshen News and the Elkhart Truth on November 3, 2010.

GENERAL FUND

Commissioners

Other Services and Charges 97,384.00

Victim Assistance

Personal Services 41,554.00

Superior Court #1

Supplies 3,000.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND 141,938.00

CUMULATIVE REASSESSMENT

County Assessor

Other Services and Charges 57,750.00

ELECTION BOARD/VOTER'S REGISTRATION

Election Board

Other Services and Charges 34,960.00

COUNTY PROPERTY SOLD

Commissioners

Capital Outlays 273,275.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY

County Highway General and Undistributed

Personal Services 45,000.00

Supplies 680.00

Capital Outlays 24,600.00

TOTAL COUNTY HIGHWAY 70,280.00

LOCAL ROAD AND STREET

Local Road and Street-Maintenance & Repair

Supplies 80,000.00

STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT

Victim Assistance

Personal Services	22,830.00
Supplies	4,000.00
Other Services and Charges	3,900.00
TOTAL STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT	<u>30,730.00</u>

FACT GRANT	
<u>Prosecuting Attorney</u>	
Personal Services	127,145.00
Supplies	5,025.00
Other Services and Charges	25,080.00
TOTAL FACT GRANT	<u>157,250.00</u>

CONTINUING EDUCATION	
<u>Sheriff</u>	
Other Services and Charges	5,357.00

SURVEYOR'S CORNER PERPETUATION	
<u>Surveyor</u>	
Supplies	9,000.00

CLERK'S RECORD PERPETUATION	
<u>Clerk</u>	
Supplies	26,584.00

COUNTY MISDEMEANANT	
<u>Sheriff</u>	
Other Services and Charges	119,431.00

DISTRICT 2 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	
<u>Emergency Management</u>	
Other Services and Charges	48,500.00
Capital Outlays	1,500.00
TOTAL DISTRICT 2 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	<u>50,000.00</u>

VACCINES FOR CHILDREN	
<u>Health Department</u>	
Supplies	9,501.00
Other Services and Charges	350.00
Capital Outlays	15,200.00
TOTAL VACCINES FOR CHILDREN	<u>25,051.00</u>

ELKHART COUNTY STORMWATER UTILITY-MS4

Commissioners

Capital Outlays 13,600.00

NORTHWEST GATEWAY TIF

Planning and Development

Other Services and Charges 125,000.00

EDIT

Commissioners

Personal Services 750,000.00

EDIT

County Highway

Capital Outlays 200,000.00

CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Commissioners

Capital Outlays 300,000.00

CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACILITIES

Sheriff

Other Services and Charges 550,500.00

CUMULATIVE DRAIN

Drainage Board

Capital Outlays 256,000.00

REDUCTIONS

COUNTY GENERAL

Clerk

Personal Services (42,000.00)

Treasurer

Personal Services (550.00)

Supplies (4,944.00)

Other Services and Charges (7,573.00)

Sheriff

Personal Services (125,000.00)

Surveyor

Personal Services (11,000.00)

Prosecuting Attorney

Personal Services	(54,000.00)
Supplies	(1,000.00)
Other Services and Charges	(3,000.00)

Concord Township Assessor

Other Services and Charges	(750.00)
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Planning and Development

Personal Services	(83,880.31)
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Emergency Management

Personal Services	(2,916.00)
Supplies	(400.00)
Other Services and Charges	(1,250.00)

Buildings and Grounds

Supplies	(2,200.00)
Other Services and Charges	(59,000.00)

Data Processing

Supplies	(5,000.00)
Other Services and Charges	(5,000.00)

Prosecuting Attorney-Title IV-D

Personal Services	(3,000.00)
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Victim Assistance

Personal Services	(1,700.00)
Supplies	(1,800.00)
Other Services and Charges	(5,000.00)

Circuit Court

Personal Services	(26,978.00)
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Superior Court #1

Supplies	(3,000.00)
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Superior Court #3

Personal Services	(34,000.00)
Other Services and Charges	(2,000.00)

Superior Court #4

Personal Services	(5,800.00)
Supplies	(150.00)
Other Services and Charges	(700.00)

Superior Court #5

Personal Services	(2,500.00)
Supplies	(1,000.00)
Other Services and Charges	(1,500.00)

Superior Court #6

Personal Services	(10,500.00)
Other Services and Charges	(5,100.00)

<u>Public Defenders</u>	
Personal Services	(35,145.00)
Supplies	(500.00)
Other Services and Charges	<u>(1,200.00)</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REDUCTION	(551,036.31)

PSCC	
<u>PSCC</u>	
Personal Services	(8,370.00)
Other Services and Charges	<u>(2,000.00)</u>
TOTAL PSCC	(10,370.00)

COUNTY HIGHWAY	
<u>County Highway Construction</u>	
Capital Outlays	(1,077.85)

EDIT	
<u>County Highway</u>	
Capital Outlays	(11,423.03)

CUMULATIVE DRAIN	
<u>Drainage Board</u>	
Capital Outlays	(91,527.75)

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES	
<u>Solid Waste Disposal</u>	
Capital Outlays	(0.40)

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS EXPLANATIONS

A. GENERAL FUND (#001)

1. Commissioners (130) request \$97,384 for our contribution to Community Mental Health Centers (\$93,384) and for legal advertising (\$4,000).

Tom Byers explained this request to the Council.

On motion made by Yoder seconded by Ashe and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

2. Victim Assistance (159) requests to appropriate \$41,554 of awarded money from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute for personal services for grant period 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2011.

Amy Bechtal explained this request to the Council.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Sharkey and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

3. Superior Court #1 (162) requests \$3,000 to offset the reduction submitted during budget hearings.

Hess explained this request to the Council.

On motion made by Foutz seconded by Abel and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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B. CUMULATIVE REASSESSMENT (#105)

1. County Assessor (980) requests \$57,750 to cover professional services for 2010 trending.

Cathy Searcy was present to explain this request.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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C. ELECTION BOARD/VOTER'S REGISTRATION (#106)

1. Election Board (190) requests \$34,960 for eight touch screen voting machines, due to new statute (IC 3-11-9-6).

Stephanie Burgess explained this request to the Council.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Ashe and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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D. COUNTY PROPERTY SOLD (#108)

1. Commissioners (980) requests \$273,275 for project #1002. This request coupled with the \$300,000 request in CCDF represent the balance of funds not yet requested in 2010 per the five year IT plan. Of the total \$573,275 request, \$73,275 will be used for work station replacements with the remaining \$500,000 used to implement the new financial/human resource reporting system for the County (New World Systems).

Tom Byers explained this request to the Council, as well as passing out a handout on the progress of the five year IT plan. Byers stated the system should be implemented within 9 months. However, it is not known how long the conversion will take. Letherman and Sharkey reiterated that they are counting on this system to be more efficient, thereby using less staff, as positions are vacated.

On motion made by Yoder seconded by Foutz and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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E. COUNTY HIGHWAY (#112)

1. County Highway General and Undistributed (204) requests \$70,280 for small tools and equipment (\$680), a new copier (\$8,600), a lift for the garage (\$9,000), traffic counters (\$7,000) and workman's comp (\$45,000).

Jeff Taylor explained this request to the Council.

On motion made by Sharkey seconded by Ashe and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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F. LOCAL ROAD AND STREET (#114)

1. Local Road and Street Maintenance and Repair (222) requests \$80,000 for fuel through the end of the year.

Jeff Taylor explained this request to the Council.

On motion made by Foutz seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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G. STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE GRANT (#142)

1. Victim Assistance (982) requests \$30,730 be appropriated for grant period 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2011.

Amy Bechtal explained this request to the Council.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the Council approved this

request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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H. FACT GRANT (#146)

1. Prosecuting Attorney (981) requests \$157,250 be appropriated for grant period 10/1/2010 to 9/30/2011.

Jean Willard explained this request to the Council.

On motion made by Yoder seconded by Ashe and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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I. CONTINUING EDUCATION (#161)

1. Sheriff (105) requests \$5,357 for continuing education of officers.

Bill Fletcher explained this request to the Council.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Abel and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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J. SURVEYOR'S CORNER PERPETUATION (#170)

1. Surveyor (980) requests \$9,000 for Harrison markers to replenish yearly inventory.

Dennis Lyons was present to explain this request to the Council.

On motion made by Yoder seconded by Foutz and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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K. CLERK'S RECORD PERPETUATION (#173)

1. Clerk (980) requests \$26,584 for 2011 court files for all courts and signature stamps and file-mark plates with incoming Clerk's name and signature.

Stephanie Burgess was present to explain this request to the Council.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Ashe and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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L. COUNTY MISDEMEANANT (#174)

1. Sheriff (980) requests \$119,431 for feeding inmates through December 11, 2010.

Bill Fletcher was present to explain this request to the Council.

On motion made by Sharkey seconded by Ashe and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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M. DISTRICT 2 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (#211)

1. Emergency Management (980) requests \$50,000 be appropriated for grant year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011.

Michael Pennington was present to explain this request to the Council.

On motion made by Yoder seconded by Abel and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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N. VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (#221)

1. Health Department (980) requests \$25,051 to purchase supplies and equipment through the Vaccine For Children Grant.

Dr. Daniel Nafziger was present to explain this request to the Council.

On motion made by Yoder seconded by Foutz and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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O. ELKHART COUNTY STORMWATER UTILITY-MS4 (#320)

1. Commissioners (130) request \$13,600 to purchase a van currently used for the Soil and Water Conservation District.

Tom Byers was present to explain this request to the Council. He state that since 80% of the van usage is related to MS4 activities, it was decided to purchase the van using the MS4 fund, instead of continuing the lease through Soil and Water's budget.

On motion made by Yoder seconded by Foutz and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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P. NORTHWEST GATEWAY TIF (#322)

1. Planning and Development (980) requests \$125,000 be appropriated for project #2101, which includes streetscape design, site analysis, and to encourage developer engagement in redevelopment of this site.

Bob Watkins was present to explain this request to the Council.

Note: Mike Huber was present at the Finance Committee Meeting to explain this request to the Council.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Foutz and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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Q. EDIT (#331)

1. Commissioners (130) request \$750,000 to replenish the health trust fund for group health insurance.

Tom Byers was present to explain this request to the Council.

On motion made by Foutz seconded by Sharkey and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

2. Highway (980) requests \$200,000 for project #2131, CR 38 Right-of-way at CR 38 and CR 19.

On motion made by Sharkey seconded by Ashe and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.
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R. CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT (#334)

- 1. Commissioners (980) requests \$300,000 for project #2012.

*See item D above.

On motion made by Yoder seconded by Foutz and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.
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S. CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACILITIES (#336)

- 1. Sheriff (105) requests \$550,500 for medical expense of inmates through December 31, 2010.

Bill Fletcher was present to explain this request to the Council. Several Councilmen questioned the amount of medical expense we spend in a year and from one year to the next. Sharkey asked if Medicaid/Medicare was billed. Fletcher stated as part of our contract with our medical group, they file whenever appropriate with Medicaid/Medicare. Sharkey noted that many of these inmates we pay medical expense for are still awaiting trial.

On motion made by Foutz seconded by Ashe and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

Audience Item: Serita Miner invited the Council to a movie at Maple City Chapel in Goshen on November 20th at 6:30 p.m. She stated that the movie shows how a community can be transformed by prayer and our relationship with Jesus Christ.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.
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T. CUMULATIVE DRAIN (#337)

- 1. Drainage Board (980) requests \$256,000 for the following projects:
#1016 Yellow Creek \$ 10,000
#1019 Baugo Creek \$100,000
#1020 Getz \$ 8,000
#1021 Washington \$ 20,000
#1022 Camera Taping \$ 18,000
#1023 Fisher Gordon \$ 10,000
#1024 Swoveland \$ 30,000
#1025 Blyley \$ 15,000

#1026	Wertz	\$ 10,000
#1027	Horn	\$ 10,000
#1028	Lily	\$ 5,000
#1029	Berlincourt	\$ 10,000
#1030	Worley Whetten	\$ 10,000

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Ashe and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Appropriation Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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REDUCTIONS: The following departments return the following amounts:

U. COUNTY GENERAL (#001)

1. Clerk (101)	Personal Services	(42,000.00)
2. Treasurer (103)	Personal Services	(550.00)
	Supplies	(4,944.00)
	Other Services and Charges	(7,573.00)
3. Sheriff (105)	Personal Services	(125,000.00)
4. Surveyor (106)	Personal Services	(11,000.00)
5. Prosecuting Attorney (108)	Personal Services	(54,000.00)
	Supplies	(1,000.00)
	Other Services and Charges	(3,000.00)
6. Concord Township Assessor (114)	Other Services and Charges	(750.00)
7. Planning and Development (132)	Personal Services	(83,880.31)
8. Emergency Management (137)	Personal Services	(2,916.00)
	Supplies	(400.00)
	Other Services and Charges	(1,250.00)
9. Buildings and Grounds (140)	Supplies	(2,200.00)
	Other Services and Charges	(59,000.00)
10. Data Processing (141)	Supplies	(5,000.00)
	Other Services and Charges	(5,000.00)

11. Prosecuting Attorney-Title IV-D (158)		
	Personal Services	(3,000.00)
12. Victim Assistance (159)		
	Personal Services	(1,700.00)
	Supplies	(1,800.00)
	Other Services and Charges	(5,000.00)
13. Circuit Court (160)		
	Personal Services	(26,978.00)
14. Superior Court #1 (162)		
	Supplies	(3,000.00)
15. Superior Court #3 (164)		
	Personal Services	(34,000.00)
	Other Services and Charges	(2,000.00)
16. Superior Court #4 (165)		
	Personal Services	(5,800.00)
	Supplies	(150.00)
	Other Services and Charges	(700.00)
17. Superior Court #5 (166)		
	Personal Services	(2,500.00)
	Supplies	(1,000.00)
	Other Services and Charges	(1,500.00)
18. Superior Court #6 (170)		
	Personal Services	(10,500.00)
	Other Services and Charges	(5,100.00)
19. Public Defenders (175)		
	Personal Services	(35,145.00)
	Supplies	(500.00)
	Other Services and Charges	(1,200.00)
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REDUCTION		(551,036.31)

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Foutz and unanimously carried, the Council approved this reduction request.

The preceding Emergency Reduction Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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V. PSCC (#103)

1. PSCC (323)

	Personal Services	(8,370.00)
	Other Services and Charges	(2,000.00)
TOTAL PSCC		(10,370.00)

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Reduction Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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W. COUNTY HIGHWAY (#112)

1. County Highway Construction (203) returns \$1077.85 for project #2124.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Reduction Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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X. EDIT (#331)

1. County Highway (980) returns \$11,423.03 for project #2723.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Reduction Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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Y. CUMULATIVE DRAIN (#337)

1. Drainage Board (980) returns \$91,527.75 for projects: 0817,0912,0914,0918,0932,0933,0937,0938, 0940,0942,0943,0947,0948,0949,0950,0953,0954,1001,1003,1009,1011.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Reduction Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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Z. SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES (#533)

1. Solid Waste Disposal (338) returns .40 for project #2001.

On motion made by Yohn seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Reduction Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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TRANSFERS REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION:

A. GENERAL FUND (#001)

1. Sheriff (105)

From 4334 Vehicle Repairs 3,134.00

To 4532 Machinery & Equipment 3,134.00

2. Coroner (107)

From 4205 Photo Supplies 300.00

4397 Education & Conf Costs 800.00

4318 Photo/Microfilm 800.00

To 4539 Other Office Equipment 1,900.00

3. County Council (129)

From 4310 Sustenance 258.00

To 4242 Service Awards 258.00

4. Planning and Development (132)

From 4305 Data Processing Services 700.00

To 4539 Other Equipment 700.00

5. Personnel (142)

From 4249 Other Supplies 155.00

To 4546 Data Processing Software 155.00

6. Extension (145)

From 4313 Travel 3,500.00

4314 Telephone 1,050.00

To 4542 Office Equipment 3,500.00

4545 Computer Hardware 1,050.00

7. Superior Court #2 (163)

From 4393 Transcript of Testimony 200.00

4396 Change of Venue 300.00

4397 Education 600.00

4541 Office Furniture 766.00

To 4542 Office Equipment 1,866.00

8. Superior Court #3 (164)

From 4397 Education & Conf Costs 500.00

4145 Special & Other Services 1,300.00

4129 Office & Clerical PT 3,000.00

To 4214 Uniforms 500.00

4259 Capital Supply Items 600.00

4309 Other Professional Services 3,000.00

4312 Postage 700.00

9. Superior Court #5 (166)

From 4309 Other Professional Services 2,000.00

To 4206 Law Books 2,000.00

10. Superior Court #6 (170)

From	4165	Pauper Attorney	600.00
To	4302	Medical	600.00

B. COUNTY HEALTH OPERATING (#102)

1. Health Department (340)

From	4390	Dues	8.00
	4309	Other Professional Services	1,500.00
	4334	Vehicle Repairs	980.00
	4337	Cleaning	387.00
	4304	Lab Services	1,512.00
	4313	Travel	2,042.00
	4390	Dues	146.00
	4397	Tuition	474.00
	4398	Training Program	174.00
	4351	Equipment Principal	11,079.00
	4356	Equipment Interest	1,600.00
To	4405	Refunds	8.00
	4542	Office Equipment	1,500.00
	4541	Office Furniture	1,300.00
	4259	Capital Supplies	920.00
	4209	Office Supplies	1,500.00
	4219	Operating Supplies	1,995.00
	4545	Data Processing Equipment	12,679.00

C. Voter's Registration (#106)

1. Voter's Registration (191)

From	4201	Printed Forms	500.00
	4203	Copy Supplies	500.00
	4219	Operating Supplies	150.00
	4249	Other Supplies	30.00
	4310	Sustenance	500.00
	4313	Mileage	100.00
	4332	Rebinding Rec	656.00
	4335	Office & Equip Repair	100.00
	4349	Rental-Other	150.00
	4390	Dues	35.00
	4392	Subscriptions	250.00
To	4129	Part-time	2,821.00
	4397	Education & Conf Costs	150.00

D. HIV GRANT (#141)

1. Health Department (980)

From	4397	Tuition	38.00
	4217	Medical Supplies	120.00
To	4217	Medical Supplies	38.00
	4310	Sustenance	120.00

E. INFRACTION DEFERRAL (#144)

1. Infraction Deferral (155)

From	4541	Office Furniture	8,000.00
To	4154	Unemployment	8,000.00

F. STD GRANT (#183)

1. Health Department (980)

From	4125	PT Paraprofessional	5,092.00
	4150	FICA	271.00
	4157	Medicare	73.00
	4313	Travel	2,000.00
	4319	Other Printing	302.00
To	4541	Office Furniture	380.00
	4209	Office Supplies	1,000.00
	4219	Operating Supplies	1,000.00
	4259	Capital Supply Items	1,000.00
	4245	Incentives	4,358.00

G. CRIMINAL JUSTICE FACILITIES (#336)

1. Sheriff (105)

From	4214	Uniforms	8,500.00
To	4337	Laundry	8,500.00

On motion made by Yoder seconded by Abel and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

The preceding Emergency Transfer Ordinance was then duly adopted.

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TRANSFERS NOT REQUIRING COUNCIL ACTION: Available in Auditor's Office.

OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Approval of Stormwater User Fee Ordinance

Craig Buche gave an explanation of this ordinance. He stated that changes in the ordinance were based on a study which found that the equivalent dwelling unit size turned out to be approximately 3600 sqf per equivalent dwelling unit rather than 2800 sqf. That will have the effect of lowering the storm water fee assessed to properties that are in the commercial and industrial classifications. Also, two and three

residential units will be assessed as one stormwater equivalent dwelling unit. Four or more residential units will be based on the square footage of their impervious surface. Any property that is at \$2.25 or less will not be billed. Administratively, the fee will be rounded to tenths rather than hundreds, assessments will be in two installments rather than one and the proposed ordinance suggests a four year sunset rather than the current two year sunset.

On motion made by Foutz seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request. (Page 358)

b. Joint Council/Commissioner discussion on possible use of company "Expense Reduction Analysts"

Tom Byers introduced Bob Frick of Expense Reduction Analysts. Mr. Frick stated that they have outside eyes and talents that they can bring to the table. He stated they take the sellers mind and bring it to the buyer's side, we are basically buyer's advocates. He stated they have found some areas where they feel they can help in order to cut budget numbers. Sharkey asked how they would be paid. Frick explained that they will be paid 50% percent of savings over a two year period. However, they do ask for 10% down of the found anticipated savings. Hess asked how they analyze the quality of what is being purchased. Frick stated that Elkhart County is involved in reviewing the findings and approving the findings/purchases. Letherman stated that we just spent \$500,000 on a new financial system which will save us a great deal of money. Frick stated one example, not included in that new system, would be the savings on cell phone plans within the county. Councilman Yoder asked if we could exempt the areas that we will already be saving due to the new system. Frick stated that we could and again that the county will be approving all findings before going forward. Foutz stated he feels it would be good for the various departments to have a new fresh set of eyes to help them see how they could do things differently to save money. Sharkey feels that we will find savings of our own with our new systems that we have. Commissioner Yoder stated we will be looking at other areas, including cell phones, office supplies, fuel, postage, etc. He stated we would like to start this process very soon, hopefully in time to present findings at the Summit. The overall consensus was to make sure that the county is involved in the "approval of savings" process to make sure we are not paying for things that we are already saving on, due to our new systems.

On motion made by Foutz seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried, the Council approved this request.

AUDIENCE ITEMS: None

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m. on motion by Abel seconded by Yoder and unanimously carried.

Audie Hostetler
Recording Secretary

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